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SUBJ: SWAPO ARRESTS

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1. ON AUGUST 7 POL COUNSELOR PETTERSON DELEVERED NOTE ON SWAPO ARRESTS TO DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER-SECRETARY JOHN SELFE AND COUNSELOR DAVID TOTHILL. AS DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED, NOTE RECOUNTED SUBSTANCE OF PREVIOUS DEMARCHES AND EMPHASIZED POINTS MADE IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL. PETTERSON STRESSED USG CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND STATED THAT EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO NOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. TOTHILL SAID DFA HAD INDEED UNDERSTOOD THAT DAVID MERORO WAS TO HAVE BEEN CHARGED UNDER COMMON LAW, BUT THAT ANOTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT (PRESUMABLY JUSTICE) HAD DECIDED SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT WAS APPLICABLE IN MERORO'S CASE. HE SAID DFA WOULD ENDEAVOR TO GET INFORMATION WE HAD REQUESTED, BUT ADDED THAT BECAUSE OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WERE INVOLVED, DFA UNABLE TO MAKE ANY GUARANTEE, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO TIME IT WOULD TAKE.

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